

B/ wherein the weight proportion of the first polyhydroxystyrene resin (A1) to the second polyhydroxystyrene resin (A2) is in range from 2:8 to 9:1;

(B) from 1 to 20 parts by weight of a radiation-sensitive acid-generating compound;

(C) from 0.1 to 25 parts by weight of a polyvinyl ether compound susceptible to crosslinking;

(D) from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight of a carboxylic acid consisting of atoms of carbon, oxygen and hydrogen alone; and

(E) from 0.01 to 1 part by weight of an amine compound.

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